

FRIENDS OF SHAMAYITA MATH

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Dear Friends of Shamayita Math

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to send you our holiday greetings with a short review of the activities this year.

We are continuously in contact with Shamayita Math regarding projects and developments. We have the clear impression that they highly appreciate having friends in Denmark caring about and supporting them. This year we launched a new project whereby women from the rural villages around Shamayita Math could earn a small extra income by producing shopping bags with our logo. We still have a few of these hand-made bags for sale - if you are interested contact a member of the board.

This year has not seen as many visits to Shamayita Math as usual. That might improve in the coming years. Søs Nielsen and Sarah Nissen who are studying to become teachers, taught at the convent school for a period last year. Their feed-back to University College METROPOL has resulted in a formal agreement between METROPOL and Shamayita Math convent school whereby Danish teacher students can obtain merits - and keep their monthly support - by supervised teaching at the convent school. Søs and Sarah are now members of our board and they are working on getting another university college to enter into a similar agreement with Shamayita Math.

More information about educational and training visits to Shamayita Math can be found in our recently updated information folder on www.friendsofshamayitamath.dk An English version of the folder will follow in the near future.

Last year, we got into touch with the local Bengali Cultural Association, which participated in our members meeting in 2014 with a beautiful programme of Bengali songs and dances. We are still in touch and our members were invited to this years Durga Puja festival on October 24. Durga Puja is an important religious festival primarily celebrated by Bengali hindus. Six members participated in a genuin Indian event with songs and dances. The Bengalis wore beautiful dresses and the room was nicely decorated, so you almost forgot you were in a hall in Frederiksberg. If we are invited next year, we will encourage members to experience this special event.



Beautiful and talented kid's perform one of the Durga legends.

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This year, we have transferred an amount of appr. 26.500 Dkr. to Shamayita Math - a small increase compared to last year. We attach importance to the money being used to support the village school Marang Buru in Dangapara, which we originally financed.



Parents and children from Monodeep explore the new equipment

In co-ordination with the Rotary Club in Christianshavn, we identified a project to build a playground at the small school for autistic children, Monodeep, at Shamayita Math. The rotary club donated 9.500 Dkr. The playground were solemnly inaugurated by Mother Anahata before it was turned over to the children. The playground equipment were produced by local craftsmen. The rotary club is celebrating its 25 years and as one of several jubilee-projects, the club has donated 5000 Dkr. to safeguard drinking water to a village school in Haspahari. This will vastly improve the health of the children.

We did not have a members meeting this year, but plan to have one next year in the month of May. We will inform you as soon as the venue and exact time are known, so you can reserve the date.

I wish you and your families a happy holiday season and my best greetings for the new year. If you have the possibility to donate an amount, we will be very grateful. Bank reg. Nr. 6610 konto nr. 0002874766 or mobile pay to the treasurer, Bente Hagelund telephone: 20862300.

Lars Fynbo
Chairman